

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 3-7, 9-21, and 23-29 are pending in the application, claims 1, 3-7, 9-13 are amended, claims 2, 8, 22 are canceled, and claims 27-29 are new. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments and their entry is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Rejection under Kida

Claims 1, 3-7, 9, and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,474,201 to Kida (“Kida”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection for the reasons set forth below.

Claim 1

After amendment, claim 1 recites the limitation of “the cover having a concave, curved leading edge.” Kida fails to disclose this limitation. Rather, Kida discloses a cover having a *convex*, curved leading edge. (*See, e.g.* Kida, Fig. 4.) Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 3-7, 9, and 10

After amendment, claims 3-7, 9, and 10 depend from new claim 27, which recites the limitation of “at least one of the unequal extensions comprises a visor extension supported by support members having at least two different lengths.” Kida fails to disclose

this limitation. Rather, Kida discloses an unequal extension supported by long main ribs 18, all having the same length AH. (Kida, col. 4, ll. 38-40, 60-65.) Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Claim 13

After amendment, claim 13 recites a canopy comprising the limitation of “an alignment gauge.” Kida fails to disclose an alignment gauge. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Rejection under Kida

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kida. Claim 11 is distinguished from Kida by virtue of its dependence on claims 1 and 27, as discussed above. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Rejection under Kida in view of Henderson

Claims 12, 14, 16-21, and 23-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kida in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,671,459 to Henderson (“Henderson”). Claims 12, 14, 16-21, and 23-26 are distinguishable from Kida by virtue of their dependence on claims 1 and 27, as discussed above. Henderson fails to cure the deficiencies of Kida with respect to claims 1 and 27. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Rejection under Kida in view of Henderson and Ma

Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kida in view of Henderson as applied to claim 12, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0129847 to Ma (“Ma”). Claim 15 is distinguished from Kida and Henderson by virtue of its dependence on claims 1 and 27, as discussed above. Ma fails to cure the deficiencies of Kida and Henderson with respect to claims 1 and 27. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

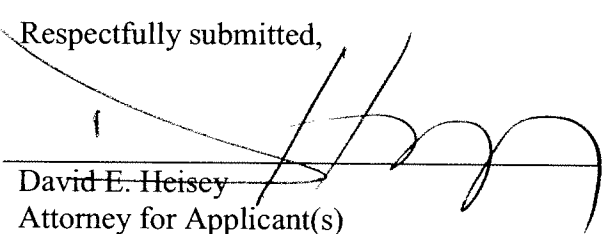
Conclusion

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 3-7, 9-21, and 23-29 is solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejections of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 18-1953 referencing the Atty. Docket No. noted above. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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